IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-5 and ADD new claims 6-9.

1-5. CANCELED

- 6. (NEW) An article of manufacture (truck engine compartment ladder) consisting of: one vertical or nearly vertical member, and;
- at least one horizontal or nearly horizontal member integrated into the vertical member to further consist of at least one step, and;
- an permanent attachment means integrated into the vertical member such that when the vertical member is permanently attached via the permanent attachment means in a truck engine compartment on the truck-frame location, the vertical or nearly vertical and horizontal or nearly horizontal members function as a ladder with at least one step to allow an operator to climb up and access the truck windshield(s), windshield wiper(s), and top running light(s).
- 7. (NEW) The ladder of claim 6 wherein the horizontal or nearly horizontal member consisting the step has a non-slip surface disposed on or into the top surface.
- 8. (NEW) The ladder of claim 6 wherein the horizontal or nearly horizontal member consisting the step is pivotally integrated into the vertical or nearly vertical member with rotational freedom of about 90 degrees of arc to allow the horizontal or nearly horizontal member to rotate up parallel or nearly parallel to the vertical or nearly vertical member and the step has a means for locking and unlocking the step into or from the vertical or nearly vertical position.
- 9. (NEW) A method of using a truck engine compartment ladder, said method consisting the steps of:

- (a) attaching the ladder of claim 6 via the permanent attachment means in a truck engine compartment on the truck-frame location, and;
- (b) climbing the ladder of claim 6 to access the truck windshield(s), windshield wiper(s), and top running light(s) of the truck.